number of Americans who have left India because of these advisories.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir. Travel advisories have been issued as a precautionary measure for a large number of countries.

Pak Offer on nuclear weapons

374. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has offered to sign a joint declaration with India renouncing the manufacture or acquisition of nuclear weapons and to enter into a regional Nuclear Test Ban Treaty;

(b) if so, the precise details of the Pak offer; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) and (b) On 9 January, 1991, the Pakistani delegate speaking at the UN Amendment Conference of the State Parties to the Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapons in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and Under Water (PTBT), stated that Pakistan remains ready to:

(i) make a joint declaration with India renouncing the acquisition or manufacture of nuclear weapons;

(ii) to conclude a bilateral agreement with India for the mutual inspection of each other's nuclear facilities;

(iii) to accede to the Non Uroliferation Treaty simultaneously with India.

(iv) to enter into a Regional Test Ban Treaty in South Asia or a bilateral Nuclear Test Ban Treaty with India.

(c) There is nothing new in the Pakistani proposals. Such proposals conceived in a narrow bilateral or sub-regional context have been made several times by Pakistan. Government are of the view that these matters have a global dimension and are not amenable to bilateral or regional solutions.

Pak reaction to America' demands on Pak nuclear programme

375. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report in the Hindustan Times' of January 11, 1991, to the effect that Pakistan has decided to reject United States of America's demands on that country's nuclear programme by underscoring the doctrine of 'Strategic-Defiance' as enunciated by their Chief of Army Staff, General Aslam Baig;

(b) if so, what is Government's information about the Pak response to the cut in US-aid which is linked with Pakistan's nuclear programme; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government understand that discussions are continuing between the Governments of Pakistan and the USA about conditions under which the aid can be resumed.

(c) Our apprehensions regarding clandestine and Weapons oriented nature of Pakistan's nuclear programme have been conveyed to all concerned.

Government continuously monitor all developments having a bearing on India's security and take necessary measures to safeguard it.

Sovan Siri Dam Project

376. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state: